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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine problems and solutions on peer-to-peer networks regarding pornography, technology, and process, focusing on the risk of inadvertent exposure of juvenile users of peer-to-peer networks to pornography, including child pornography, and the extent of federal law enforcement resources available for combating child pornography on peer-to-peer networks, after receiving testimony from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, General Accounting Office; John Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Thomas J. Spota, Suffolk County District Attorney, Hauppauge, New York; Robbie Callaway,

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; Stephen Hess, Office of Information Technology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Douglas W. Jacobson, Palisade Systems, Ames, Iowa; and Alan Morris, Sharman Networks Limited, William Barr, Verizon Communications, and Cary Sherman, Recording Industry Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing on protecting seniors from representative payee fraud in relation to social security programs, focusing on the current program's deficiencies and the way legislation can improve safeguards in the Representative Payee Program, after receiving testimony from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, and Fritz Streckewald, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Program Policy, both of the Social Security Administration; Shirley J. Shears, Legal Aid of West Virginia, Martinsburg; and Jason E. Wills, Community Action Partnership, Lewiston, Idaho.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3035–3053; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 274–275, and H. Res. 359, 361–364, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information (H. Rept. 108–263, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 360, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information (H. Rept. 108–267).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cole to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 381 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 489. The bill was also considered on September 4.

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Agreed to:

Honda amendment that increases the amount of funding for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Project in San Jose, California;

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Peterson amendment that restores funding to the essential air service program;

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Flake amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce restrictions on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 483);

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Delahunt amendment, No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that prohibits the use of funds for enforcing restrictions on remittances made to Cuban nationals or Cuban households (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 484);

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Sanders amendment that prohibits the use of funds to assist in overturning the federal court's ruling in the action entitled *Kathi Cooper, Beth Harrington, and Matthew Hillesheim, Individually and on Behalf of All Those Similarly Situated vs. IBM Personal Pension Plan and IBM Corporation* (agreed to by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 485);

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Van Hollen amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the revisions to OMB Circular A–76 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 487); and

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Davis of Florida amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce regulations that would eliminate educational exchanges with Cuba (agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 488).

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Rejected:

Hefley amendment, No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that sought to cut the total amount of discretionary funding by 1% (rejected by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 481);

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Sessions amendment, No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that sought to prohibit funding for Amtrak routes that do not recoup 50 cents in revenue per one dollar spent on operating the route (rejected by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 482); and

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Hastings amendment, No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that prohibits the OMB from using funds in the bill to require that agencies establish an inventory of inherently governmental activities performed by federal employees, establish or implement any streamlined competition procedures, require any follow-up competition for public-private competitions won by federal employees, or implement the trade-off source selection process for any activities other than information technology activities (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 486).

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Withdrawn:

Manzullo amendment, No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to specify that in the acquisition of goods and services in compliance with the Buy American Act, such goods will qualify as being “U.S.-made” only if at least sixty-five percent of the product is produced in the United States.

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Point of order sustained against:

Maloney amendment, No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that sought to

prohibit funds for the IRS to use in collecting taxes on certain disaster assistance grants given in New York City after the September 11 terrorist attack; and

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Mica amendment that sought to prohibit funding to Amtrak unless the company submits all quarterly and annual reports required under Public Law 107–204, the Sarbanes-Oxley corporate accountability law.

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H. Res 351, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on September 4.

A unanimous consent agreement, reached on September 4, limited the number of amendments offered on the bill.

Recess: The House recessed at 6:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 491. The bill was also considered on September 5.

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On the demand for a separate vote on the Tom Davis of Virginia amendment to authorize a school voucher program that was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on September 5, the House agreed to the amendment by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 490.

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The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 25, 2003.

National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Edwards announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Michaud announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Davis of Tennessee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8019.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 64 and S. Con. Res. 65 were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8084–88.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT—GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled “Beyond Baccalaureate: Graduate Programs in the Higher Education Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIRNESS TO CONTACT LENS CONSUMERS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2221, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act. Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Robert L. Hubbard, Director, Litigation, Antitrust Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

EPA ELEVATION TO DEPARTMENT LEVEL

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Elevation of the EPA to Department Level Status: Federal and State Views,” and on H.R. 37 and H.R. 2138, Department of Environmental Protection. Testimony was heard from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Marianne L. Horinko, Acting Administrator, EPA; Warren Chisum, member, House of Representatives, State of Texas; Howard Roitman, Director, Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, State of Colorado; Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment, Department of Health and Environment, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Preparing and Funding First Responders. Testimony was heard from former Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire; Adrian H. Thompson, Chief, Fire and EMS Department, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADVANCEMENTS IN SMART CARD AND BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental

Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Advancements in Smart Card and Biometric Technology.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Joel Willemssen, Managing Director of IT Management; and Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist; Sandy Bates, Commissioner, Federal Technology Services, GSA; Ken Scheffen, Director, Defense Manpower Data Center (East), Department of Defense; Benjamin Wu, Under Secretary, Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933; and H. Res. 355, Commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria.

FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the committee amendment that are printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Shadegg, Ose Frank of Massachusetts, Hooley of Oregon and Inslee.

CHARITABLE GIVING ACT; BUDGET, WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE LETTER

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 7, Charitable Giving Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved the Budget, Waste, Fraud and Abuse letter to be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget.